provision of "Passenger Amenities" during 2001-02 (Revised Estimates).

A list of stations selected in Andhra Pradesh alongwith the works being undertaken there is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 16]

Third Rail Line on Bhopal-Beena Section

†1022. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a third rail line proposed to be laid on the Bhopal-Beena section;

(b) if so, by when this project is likely to be completed;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of financial provision made for implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Running of Bhopal Express

†1023. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a demand for running the Bhopal Express from platform No. 1, instead of from platform No. 5, of Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station and to attach separate AC/1st class coached to this train for the convenience of rail passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Running of 2156 Bhopal Express from Platform No. 1 ex-Hazrat Nizamuddin is not feasible as it is not connected with the coaching maintenance yard. Further, one composite 1st AC cum AC-II Tier coach, one AC-II Tier coach and one AC-III Tier coach are available in the train which are considered adequate for the present level of traffic offering. Provision of separate 1st AC coach is not commercially justified.

Downsizing the Railway Staff

1024. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any proposal to cut down Railway staff by 20 per cent;

(b) if so, whether VRS is proposed for this purpose;

(c) if not, how the Railways propose to achieve the objective; and

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Losses by New Trains

†1025. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trains flagged off in various States during 2001;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.